

NOTICE OF INTENT
Student Financial Assistance Commission
Office of Student Financial Assistance
Scholarship/Grant Programs
(LAC 28:IV.2001, 2007 and 2013)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) announces its intention to amend its Scholarship/Grant rules (LSA-R.S. 17:3021-3025, LSA-R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, LSA-R.S. 17:3042.1, and LSA-R.S. 17:3048.1).

This rulemaking will amend Sections 2001, 2007, 2013 of LASFAC's Scholarship/Grants rules for the John R. Justice Student Grant Program to provide that LASFAC will set the number of awards and the amount of the grant each year based upon the funding allocated to Louisiana by the United States Department of Justice.

The proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy, as described in LSA-R.S. 49:972. The proposed rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in LSA-R.S. 49:965.2 *et seq.* (SG12136NI)

Chapter 20. John R. Justice Student Grant Program

§2001. General Provisions

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D. Award Amount.

1. ~~Each calendar year~~For the 2011 calendar year, twelve prosecutors will receive awards of \$5,000 each. ~~Each calendar year, and~~ six public defenders will receive awards of \$10,000 each. One public defender and two prosecutors will be selected for participation from each of the First, Second, Third, and Fifth Louisiana Circuit Court of Appeal Districts. Two public defenders and four prosecutors will be selected for participation from the Fourth Louisiana Circuit Court of Appeal.

2. Beginning in the 2012 calendar year, the number of awards and the amount of each grant shall be recalculated based on the amount of the federal grant allocated to Louisiana by the United States Department of Justice. Each calendar year's awards shall be allocated so that the total amount awarded to prosecutors is equal to the total amount awarded to public defenders.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3036, R.S. 17:3042.1, R.S. 17:3048.1 and R.S. 17:3048.5.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 37:1387 (May 2011).

§2007. Applicable Deadlines

A. Application Deadline

1. Applicants must complete and submit the on-line application each calendar year no later than ~~the deadline published by LOSFA~~April 30.

2. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered unless there are insufficient qualifying applications received by the deadline to make awards for all ~~eighteen~~ grants.

3. In the event there are insufficient applications to award ~~18~~all grants, a second deadline will be announced.

4. In the event ~~18~~all grants cannot be awarded after a second application deadline has passed, LOSFA shall inform LASFAC and distribute the available remaining funds as directed by LASFAC.

B. Documentation Deadline. An applicant from whom documentation is requested must provide the required documentation within 45 days from the request.

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§2013. Responsibilities of LASFAC

A. LASFAC shall:

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3. Approve the number of awards and the amount of each grant each year based upon the funding allocated to Louisiana by the United States Department of Justice. LASFAC shall ensure that fifty percent of the funds awarded are allocated for awards to prosecutors and fifty percent of the funds awarded are allocated for awards to public defenders.

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Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed changes (SG12136NI) until 4:30 p.m., March 12, 2012, to Melanie Amrhein, Executive Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 91202, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9202.

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